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SUBJECT **Oil Storage Depot at Roudnice**

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1. The German Army began the construction of a whole series of large oil and gas tanks at Roudnice; 25 tanks were built, each of 50,000 cubic meters capacity. It was intended to store the German Army's strategic reserve here. The work was carried out in 1943 and 1944, but was not completed before the arrival of the Soviet Army.
2. The Czech authorities have taken over the depot. They began first with the repair of the old tanks. No large new tanks were built until 1953. The German plans were also adopted and the enlargement of the depot was decided on. This work began in March 1953. New tanks were built and numerous crude oil and gasoline pipelines laid. About 500 workers were employed at the start, and the number was increased in the course of the year 1953.
3. The German military built a trunk line from Malacky to Roudnice. There is also a line from Zisterdorf [sic] to Roudnice, which is a bypass line. A new branch line has been built to Kolín, where a gasoline refinery is now in operation. Another branch line goes to Mauthausen [sic], where there are several plants producing synthetic gasoline.

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